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KATHMANDU FOR AMBASSADOR BUNKER

SUBJECT: UPPER HOUSE ELECTION

1. UPPER HOUSE ELECTION CONDUCTED QUIETLY AUGUST 30. AS OF 2000 HOURS AUGUST 30, FRAGMENTARY REPORTS FROM ALL IV MRS INDICATE LITTLE VC ATTEMPT TO HARASS ELECTIONS, ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN A GENERAL INCREASE IN ENEMY ACTIVITY DURING AUGUST 30. INTERIOR MINISTRY REPORTS ONLY ONE MAJOR INCIDENT WHICH IS CLEARLY ELECTION-RELATED. (A BOMB EXPLODED IN A POLLING STATION ON PHU QUOC ISLAND, KILLING 9 AND INJURING 25.)

2. VOTER TURNOUT APPEARS MODERATE. NATIONAL TOTALS NOT YET AVAILABLE BUT UNOFFICIAL SAIGON RETURNS POSTED AT CITY HALL STATE THAT 349,515 PERSONS, OR APPROXIMATELY 58 PERCENT OF THOSE REGISTERED, VOTED. INTERIOR MINISTRY FIGURES INDICATE THAT AS OF 12:00 NOON AUGUST 30 44.4 PERCENT OF THOSE REGISTERED HAD VOTED, WITH III CORPS REGISTERING LOWEST TURNOUT. GENERAL IMPRESSION

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IN INTERIOR MINISTRY IS THAT TURNOUT IS LIGHTER THAN FOR JUNE PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

3. RETURNS NOT YET AVAILABLE.
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